

Senate File 241 - Introduced

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BY SHIPLEY

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to close-clearance warning devices along
2 railroad tracks.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 327F.13, subsection 2, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The warning device shall be placed in a location ~~which~~
4 that is a reasonable distance from the close-clearance area and
5 that provides adequate notice to a person riding the side of a
6 train so that the person may prepare for the close clearance.
7 Any signs posted shall not be a danger to other persons working
8 on the property.

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EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 Under current law, the owner of a railroad track is required
13 to place a warning device at a location where the close
14 clearance between the track and a building, machinery, trees,
15 brush, or other object is such that the building, machinery,
16 trees, brush, or other object physically impedes a person who
17 is lawfully riding the side of a train in the course of the
18 person's duties in service to a railroad company from clearing
19 the building, machinery, trees, brush, or other object. The
20 warning device must be placed in a location which provides
21 adequate notice to a person riding the side of a train so that
22 the person may prepare for the close clearance. This bill
23 requires the warning device to also be placed a reasonable
24 distance from the close-clearance area.

25 By operation of law, a violation of the bill is a schedule
26 "one" penalty, a fine of \$100 per violation.